(*e*) There was no necessity to do so.
(*f*) Does not arise.

Free supply of copies of copper-plate inscriptions in the Government Museum.

* 1123 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, till recently, the Government have been supplying scholars, on requisition, copies of copper-plate and stone inscriptions, in the Government Museum, free of cost;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the Government Museum has been demanding, for sometime past, eight annas per page for copying the copper-plate inscriptions, and one rupee for a square foot for copying the stone inscriptions; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to direct the Superintendent of the Museum to supply copies free of any cost?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The number of requisitions for copies of inscriptions has increased enormously of late and this has seriously interfered with the work of the Archæological Assistant employed in the Museum. Further, the taking of impressions is very apt to harm the original inscriptions. Facilities are however given to scholars to refer to the original inscriptions and to transcribe them without taking impressions. The Government do not therefore propose to interfere in the matter.

Local Boards

Nominations to taluk boards in North Arcot district.

* 1124 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 42 answered on 3rd September 1928 regarding nominations to taluk boards in North Arcot district—

(*a*) whether the report called for has been received from the president of the district board;

(*b*) how many candidates who stood for elections to the presidentships of local boards in North Arcot district were men who had been nominated by the President, District Board, North Arcot, with their names, and castes, and the number of already existing members belonging to those communities, on these boards;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that no Christian or Muhammadan was appointed to some boards and if so, why;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to frame rules reserving powers to Government to cancel such nominations; and

(*e*) why the Government have not dealt with such cases exemplarily in order that such misconduct may not recur?